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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC OVERFLIGHT LANDING CLEARANCE REQUEST, KAGNEW TWO

REF O 071719Z NOV 75, USCINCEUR, VAIHINGEN (NOT SENT DEPT)

1. FOR DEPT - REFTEL SENT USDAO ADDIS AND OTHER INFO
ADDRESSEES ANTICIPATES NEED FOR SHORT NOTICE OVERFLIGHT/
LANDING REQUEST FOR HQ USEUCOM T-39 FROM STUTTGART TO ETHIOPIA
AND RETURN TO TRANSPORT KAGNEW TWO WHEN RELEASED,
AND REQUESTS DAO TO OBTAIN IF POSSIBLE, GENERAL EPMG
CLEARANCE FOR THIS PROPOSED MISSION. OVERALL CLASSIFICATION
OF MESSAGE IS CONFIDENTIAL INCLUDING REASON FOR REQUEST, BUT
PARAGRAPH ON REQUEST ITSELF IS UNCLASSIFIED.

2. EMBASSY CAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND WHY USCINCEUR WISHES
MAKE CONTINGENCY PLANS TO TRANSPORT KAGNEW TWO WHEN
RELEASED, BUT STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT SUCH REQUESTS BE
COORDINATED WITH DEPT. NATURE AND CLASSIFICATION OF REQUEST
INDICATES TO US SOME LACK OF AWARENESS OF SITUATION KAGNEW
TWO, AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE THAT DETAILS CONCERNING THEIR
EVENTUAL RELEASE ARE VERY CLOSELY HELD.

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3. FOR DEPT AND USCINCEUR - UNLESS INSTRUCTED BY DEPT,

WE DO NOT RPT NOT PROPOSE TO ASKE EPMG FOR REQUESTED CLEARANCE AT THIS TIME. AS DEPT AWARE , CHANCES THAT KAGNEW TWO WOULD BE RELEASED IN ETHIOPIA ARE REMOTE. HENCE NEED FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCE HERE LIKELY NEVER ARISE. SHOULD IT DO SO, WE ESTIMATE THAT WE COULD OBTAIN CLEARNACE WITHIN 24 HOURS EMERGENCY BASIS. MEANWHILE, TO ASK FOR CONTINGENCY GENERAL CLEARANCES FOR ETHIOPIA MIGHT EASILY BE INTERPRETED BY ETHIOPIANS AS SIGNAL THAT WE KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT RELEASE KAGNEW TWO THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN TELLING THEM, AND WE CANNOT AFFORD CREATE ANY AURA OF SUSPICION BETWEEN US IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND DELICATE MATTER.

4. ADDITIONAL REASON FOR CLOSER COORDINATION OF MESSAGES IF THIS KIND IS, AS DEPT WILL RECOGNIZE, THAT MOST LIKELY LOCAL FOR RELEASE KAGNEW TWO, KHARTOUM WAS NOT INCLUDED AS ADDRESSEE OF USCINCEUR'S MESSAGE (REFTEL). HUMMEL

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